

Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 22nd November 2018

Black Country Living Museum

1. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Colette Morris.

2. OPENING REMARKS

Anthony Thomas, Chair of CLOtC Board of Trustees, welcomed attendees and gave a summary of the highlights of 2017/2018.

Over 800 teachers, trainee teachers and LOtC providers have attended CLOtC training, events and CPD programme over the last year. A further 100 schools and providers have achieved LOtC Mark or the LOtC Quality Badge. The LOtC Quality Badge is entering its 10th year and as the only national award recognising good quality education and effective risk management across all types of LOtC provider.

CLOtC continues to lead the Learning Away Consortium and the Brilliant Residentials campaign. The last year saw the launch of the Winter Residentials campaign and the growth of the Consortium to 18 members committed to ensuring more residentials for all children and young people.

CLOtC continued to work with the LOtC Sectors Working Group to influence national policy. Through collaborative effort a significant contribution was made to establishing the Connecting Children with Nature programme in the Government's 25-year environmental plan with £10m funding attached to help connect more children in disadvantaged schools with nature.

Anthony emphasised the importance of the contribution of CLOtC's members to its success, he offered his thanks to all members for their part in making these achievements possible.

CLOtC's former Chief Executive, Elaine Skates, moved on to new opportunities in 2018. Anthony welcomed the new Chief Executive Officer, Kim Somerville.

Anthony also took the opportunity to thank CLOtC's board of trustees who are a dedicated group who contribute a great deal to the charity's success.

Looking to the future

Anthony outlined CLOtC's intention to continue working closely with these partners to ensure the value of LOtC is widely recognised and to ensure more high quality LOtC experiences are available to more young people.

As the overarching organisation for LOtC, CLOtC has a remit to promote and represent all LOtC sectors from school grounds, natural environment and adventurous activities through to arts, heritage and overseas travel. Over the next two years a focus will be improving representation from arts and heritage organisations within the LOtC Sectors Working Group.

CLOtC is well placed to represent and support schools and bring them together with LOtC providers. This is the charity's USP and adds value to our partnership working. CLOtC's ambition over the next two years is to become the 'go to' organisation for schools and colleges wanting to develop their LOtC provision.

3. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2017 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2018

The report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Graham Lodge

Seconded by – Chas Matthews

4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Board recommends the re-appointment of Ling Phipp, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor operating under a new name as Haines Watts as the Council's auditors for the period ending on 31 March 2019. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Rob Lucas

Seconded by – Lesley Williams

5. RESOLUTION 1. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

One user seat was available on the CLOtC Board this year and two nominations were received.

- David Scourfield, Outdoor Education Adviser of Rochdale Borough Council
- Jake Wiid, Outdoor Education Adviser of Evolve Advice Ltd.

The votes have been counted and verified, the candidate with the most votes joining the Board of Trustees is David Scourfield.

Tony congratulated David and welcomed him to the CLOtC Board of Trustees.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

Anthony thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for their continued support of CLOtC. He spoke about the challenges that the current financial climate presents to schools and to providers of LOtC, emphasising the increased importance of working together to ensure the continued provision of high quality LOtC to all children and young people.